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## J. H. P. DeWINDT IS ATTACKED AT RANCH

He met was buried, who split open his head. Johnson arrests alleged assassin.

Arrived because he was ordered to take his wife out of the newly sown wheat field of J. H. P. DeWindt, seven miles north of Bassano. DeWindt, a young householder, is reported to have turned upon Mr. DeWindt, thrown a hammer at him, splitting open his head above the right temple, and to have followed up this attack with several confusions with rocks. At the time of the assault DeWindt was engaged in an outdoor work when which the assault occurred, and picking up a can frightened the attacking force into flight.

Practically alone at the place, Mr. DeWindt this time into town to have his wound attended, and informed the B.N.W.P. corporal Johnson. An exciting chase followed of which Johnson was the hero, catching up with Ackerson north of Brooks after a thirty-mile hard ride that almost brought him down.

Mr. DeWindt, who is well known in Bassano, and has a residence here, is rapidly recovering, and expects to give evidence when Ackerson is tried before the magistrate.

He has just completed sowing nine hundred acres to wheat, oats, barley and flax, and was naturally rather surprised when he discovered a dark man following him. He was accompanied by a travelling partner, quietly grazing on the freshly sown wheat, which was green and popping some few inches out of the ground.

He turned them out onto the prairie, but later discovered them in his field again. He saw Ackerson who came to draw water from his pump, and asked him to take the milk out. Ackerson replied he would when he was good and ready. Thompson Mr. DeWindt ordered him to take them out, and Ackerson then attempted to have taken a large steel hammer from his pocket and to have thrown it at Mr. DeWindt.

DeWindt immediately discharged his revolver, and the full force of the blow, which inflicted a nasty gash above his temple. An inch lower and the consequences would have been disastrous. Ackerson's father and another man it is said came up at this juncture, and picked up rocks with the apparent object of attacking him. Although partly stunned, Mr. DeWindt made for an engine house which was close at hand, and "popped up" an intended Western ride. He got out this toward the three who made up as fast as they could taking their trails along with them.

After loading his head as well as his head Mr. DeWindt took into town, but Dr. Scott treated his wound, and informed corporal Johnson, who immediately notified the police and Ackerson. He followed the trail east as far as Brooks. Ackerson's father attempted to control his son, saying they had a man named Jones with them but he had gone. Further investigation proved there was no such man as Jones, and Ackerson's father was found heavily and apprehended on a charge of malicious assault.

## BASSANO WILL BE SECOND SASKATOON

A second Saskatoon, that is the way in which the people of the east are coming to regard Bassano according to Frank Hagelbach a member of the firm of Pegler and Darby who has been travelling through the Eastern States and Canada in the interests of Bassano.

Mr. Hagelbach informs the News that the way Bassano is known in the east is remarkable. It has of late had more publicity than has any other town in the West and people are curiously equipping after its prospects.

After learning of the rich irrigation districts of which it is the centre, of big construction works that surround it, and of the wonderful timbered and farming country, which it enters, he declares they are quite satisfied that their suspicions are confirmed that Bassano is one of the promising places of the West.

"And they are backing their belief in the place by sending for 'beats'."

"I have found this curiosity about Bassano prevalent right throughout the east he says and the efforts in publicity to place before Canada what future there actually is for the town has not been unavailing."

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## TRAIN CRASHES THROUGH DAM TRESTLE

Two killed, and two injured. Several narrow escapes recorded.

### FIRST TRAIN AFTER LUNCH

E. C. McNeill of Hamilton, a carpenter was killed, John Ogden was fatally injured, and two Indians, Fielden, Querie, and Michael Constantine were badly hurt, when a construction train loaded with workmen returning from lunch, went through the big trestle forty feet high at the Dam immediately on the other side of the river Wednesday.

McNeill died instantly and Ogden who suffered fearful scalp lacerations died later at Brook's hospital.

The cause of the catastrophe is not yet known, and few theories are advanced until the wreckage has been cleared away sufficient to permit of thorough investigation, and Dr. E. C. Harris is therefore still deliberating whether an investigation is necessary or not.

The accident occurred without any warning. The train was composed of nine cars returning with earth and a crowd of workmen who were going back to Mr. Kline's camp to run work after lunch. Just as the other side of the river was reached, the trestle of the trestle crashed and the hind end of the train crashed through to the earth about twenty feet below. The cars went down like lightning, carrying with them the four men and several others. Luckily they broke away from the other three cars and the engine, or the horror would have been intensified. "Scenes of help were seen underneath an overturned car and quite dead. Ogden had a car across his legs and both were broken, while he was hardly conscious. The other two were struck by cars in the fall. Querie had one leg broken, Constantine was crushed and hurt about the head. Half dozen narrow escapes were reported. One man in falling clinging to one of the timbers it happened to be the only one that held. He crawled back along the trestle and was saved from all injury. Others jumped to the earth and escaped with a few injuries. The trestle for about twenty feet was reduced to wreckage. Practically all the timbers were down, just one single steel rail holding. Cars were strewn in the mud and down on the earth, some landing on their sides some with wheels off, and all more or less badly damaged.

Willie help carried the men into the camp at this side of the river, and "Doc" Fraser a city doctor and also a

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## FLAX FIBRE INDUSTRY MAY LOCATE IN BASSANO

Baron Bruggen Representing Big Eastern Interests Secures Guarantee of 3500 acres of flax from B. of T.

A seven thousand ton flax factory, employing about sixty-five hands when working full capacity, is the latest possibility for Bassano.

Baron Bruggen, acting for wealthy eastern capitalists who are placing flax factories in Alberta, possibly at Nightingale, Bassano and Lethbridge, interviewed the Board of Trade Wednesday noon in an effort to discover if the Board would guarantee the plant the product of 3,500 acres of flax yearly if the company decided to place its plant here.

After exhaustively investigating the proposition, the Board willingly gave its guarantee, appreciating that at the present time there are more than 3,500 acres in flax. That the outlook is extremely bright for the plant coming is indicated in the statement of Baron Bruggen, who deposed that with roads coming in from the north and east, and with Bassano on the main line, this seemed a most desirable point.

"But do you say that if you are satisfied that you can get a responsible guarantee that the flax can be obtained that you will come?" asked Louis Williams.

"Well I am not the president of the company replied Baron Bruggen, 'I only have charge of the western field, but it is reasonable that the directors will accept my recommendations.'

Pressed as to the number of tons, he said that he expected there would be in the vicinity of sixty-five when the plant was working full capacity. His proposition was very straightforward and logical.

Baron Bruggen had samples of fibre which he passed round for examination. The Board of Trade desired to give the company every encouragement and willingly passed a resolution guaranteeing what they required. The Baron estimated that the mill working night and day would use 7000 tons of flax every year and that there were only two towns in the acre.

Whether flax straw a waste product from which fibre can be made is manufactured has gone to waste in Western Canada. This inspired the Canadian Lumber and Pulp Company to place factories in the principal flax districts of Western Canada. They have already found locations in Saskatchewan and are now looking through Alberta. The most feasible points at present are Nightingale, Lethbridge and Bassano, and it is thought that would be definitely settled until the directors met at Toronto early in June.

From the coarser flax fibre they could produce fibre for timber, twine, white from the fibre, the finest bond and bank note paper could be produced.

The company would guarantee the farmers five dollars per ton for the straw if it was hauled to the mill, and the company would undertake to thresh it while extra money would be paid for the seed according to the market price at the particular time. Personally the company would rather use flax on 20 acre farms than in large areas as it would be better looked after.

That was the only thing they wanted here, and if everything was well satisfied they and they could get the flax, he believed the company might come.

That this was the finest country he had ever seen for flax and he had been doing all in his power for three years to induce flax fibre factories into this district was the assertion of Louis Williams who quoted from correspondence with a Chicago Wash, firm to show that they intended trying Bassano.

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## BASSANO IS GOING STRONG AT BASEBALL

Winning four games out of nine in making a good showing in the Western Canada League, and when official standing for the week is completed Bassano will not be at bottom. The week has been one of high scores the only relief being when Bassano beat Edmonton by 3-1.

On home grounds here, when Berkeley Park, the fine new home of the Bassano Baseball Club in South Bassano was opened, Calgary succumbed both times by respective scores of 13-9 and 14-1.

At Calgary, also big scores were registered, Bassano winning one by 3-1.

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As the centre of one of the best flax growing districts on the whole of the American continent, it should be in a position to attract factories for the manufacture of flax. A start has already been made in this direction, for Wednesday, Baron Bruggen, who has been securing the work for the past six months for flax factory locations, sprung a definite, clear and concise proposition upon the Board of Trade, which was wisely considered without hesitation, after a little investigation.

He approached the Board of Trade from a view of getting a franchise from some responsible people that the produce of 3500 acres of flax annually, could be guaranteed their company, if they agreed a mill here. That was all he asked. He did not demand any free site or free water or free power. As he came to the principal thing he wanted was flax. His company had the machines to extract fibre from straw without hurting the fibre, and they expected to make a great deal of money through doing the separating. Therefore, he required this guarantee of flax.

Baron Bruggen knows this district well. The land immediately north; and has seen what can be produced in the shape of flax. As Louis Williams stated at the meeting: "There is no better flax grown in the world than around Bassano."

While he could not naturally be too committed, being the chosen representative of a syndicate to spy out the land for the best locations, yet the Baron waxed somewhat enthusiastic about the location and possibilities of Bassano. He explained that it seemed to him the most central point in the Boy Valley.

All things being equally satisfactory, such as the guarantee of flax, therefore, he regarded Bassano as a likely location. While he was careful to point out that he was not the president of the company, yet he admitted his recommendation went along way. With this the Board had lain to the content.

However, the prospects for securing this industry are very bright. It should be the pioneer of many others of a similar nature for every year more acreage is sown in flax, and in a few years there will be sufficient to keep a dozen mills busy.

Intervention with this fibre production is the possibility of paper manufacture. From the flax fibre, the best bond and bank note paper could be produced, and the Baron, naturally, would, as he produces this all the time, as it fetches around 45¢ per lb., where the coarser stuff fetches a much less. It is sufficient, then, that he obtained to keep a mill going it would easily justify the establishment of one at the dam, where enough power to keep it wheels revolving all the year could be evolved.

There are unlimited possibilities in this plant, and it is certain that Publicity Commissioner Bethwell will not lose sight of the flax.

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## BERKELEY HOTEL SOON

TO BE OPENED

The Berkeley hotel, which is owned and to be the best in Alberta, will be opened in about forty days. C. H. Davidson, who has had years of hotel experience in New York, Chicago and other big cities, has undertaken the management jointly with his wife, and will be in Bassano regularly to superintend the opening.

An eighty room home, situated at a corner of about thirty thousand dollars, the hotel is certainly an attractive structure. The exterior is being modelled after a beautiful California style, and when the brickwork is completed will be a magnificent edifice.

The wonder of the place is that it is finally fitted up with a garden with its own room, from which a bird's eye view of the country for miles in every direction can be obtained.

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TRAIN CRASHES THROUGH  
DAM TRELLIS

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trained nurse who happened to be in camp at the time attended to them.

He improved rapidly for twelve days of impossible ministrations, even making use of his legging while Dr. A. G. Scott was rushed from Bassano to Medicine Hat to see to the case.

The three injured were taken on the transcontinental to Brooks hospital, where those who were placed in several places by broken ribs, died early Thursday morning.

Dr. Harris drove to the scene Wednesday night and made an exhaustive investigation as possible.

Until the wreckage is cleared away, and he has had chance to investigate further, he did not say whether an inquiry would be necessary or not.

Three men have been killed on the Dam already this season. Men are now at work clearing away the debris, and it is stated a start will be made on repairing the trestle.

## WINNING

W. J. Winning won a business trip to Brooks.

Frank Davis left last week for his home in Calgary.

F. A. Lange of Bassano is back on his homestead.

W. Coleman took a business trip to Banquo last week.

H. Armstrong is in Brooks and Geo. Hansen is also in Brooks.

Seeding heretofore is almost completed and has so far been left with the most favorable weather possible.

Land seeking parties report that there is little doubt land left in the immediate vicinity of Winnipeg.

Last three years ago this was a desolate plain for range cattle. Today it is a populous, fertile country that demands factory facilities and deserves three stars.

The school meeting of Monday April 29th held at the residence of Dave How is fairly well attended. The district was inspected with the sanction of approval of the trustees and it was remitted for the Provincial Government to sanction the district as petitioned for.

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